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Our Case No. 9333/274  
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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: Shingo Kiuchi et al. )  
Serial No. 09/891,876 )  
Filing Date: June 26, 2001 )  
For: VOICE FEATURE EXTRACTION DEVICE )

Examiner: Huyen X. Vo

Group Art Unit: 2655

**RESPONSE**

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Dear Sir:

This is in reply to the non-final Office Action mailed on December 5, 2003 in the above referenced application. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of claims 1 – 18 in view of the following remarks.

**Listing of Claims** begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.